

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The Official Action rejects claims 11 and 22 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants' admitted prior art in view of SILVERBROOK. The Official Action further states, however, that claims 1-10 and 21 are allowed, while claim 12 is allowable but for its dependence from rejected base claim 11.

In order to place the present application in condition for allowance as soon as possible, applicants have amended independent claim 11 to incorporate the features of allowable claim 12. Such amendment, together with the cancellation of claim 12, necessarily places all claims remaining in the application into condition for immediate allowance. As the present amendment after final rejection raises no new issues, entry of this amendment is believed to be appropriate.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires further clarification of any of the above points, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney so that this application may continue to be expeditiously advanced.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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